

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Please amend the Abstract as follows:**

An encoder [[10]] in a data transmission/reception system has a byte interleaver [[12]] for performing folding interleaving on encoded data ED in units of a byte and a packet interleaver [[13]] for performing folding interleaving, in units of a packet, on byte interleave data BID generated by this byte interleaver [[12]]. A decoder [[20]] has a packet de-interleaver [[24]] for performing folding de-interleaving, in units of a packet, on packet interleave data PID' and a byte de-interleaver [[25]] for performing folding de-interleaving, in units of a byte, on byte interleave data BID' generated by this packet de-interleaver [[24]]. It is thus possible to correct a significant burst error containing a packet loss even with an error correction code having a very small code length.